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No. 9785. EDINBURGH, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2. 1784.

THEATRE ROYAL,

Mrs SIDDONS'S SEVENTH NIGHT.

To-morrow Evening, June 3. 1784. will be performed,
A TRAGEDY, (not acted here these many years) called,

ISABELLA;

OR, THE

FATAL MARRIAGE.

Mr CAUTHERLY.
Biron,
Count Baldwin, Mr Sparks; Carlos, Mr Sutherland; Belford, Mr Bell; Gentleman, Mr Hallion; Sampson, Mr Charteris;
The Child, Master F. Charteris;
Servant, Mr Bland, jun.
Mr WOODS.
And Villeroy,
Nurse, Mrs CHARTERIS,
Mrs SIDDONS.
And Isabella.

In Act III. An EPITHALAMIUM.

To which will be added, a FARCE, called,

WHO'S THE DUPE?

*** The Curtain will rise precisely at Half past Six.

POCKET-BOOKS STOLEN.

EDINBURGH, JUNE 2. 1784.

WHEREAS a Gentleman last night, in going into the Theatre, had his POCKETS PICKED, and two small Pocket-Books abstracted; the one of blue, the other of red Morrocco leather: And as the persons who did so must be satisfied, upon inspection, that there was nothing of value in either, and as their keeping them may tend to their detection and punishment, it is therefore expected, that they will put them up in a piece of paper, and mark upon the back, Mr Hay, and leave it in any conspicuous place where it may be found, and whoever shall find it, and bring it to the Publisher, shall receive a reward of FIVE SHILLINGS.

SESSION CLERK'S OFFICE, PORTSBURGH, JUNE 1. 1784.

THAT whereas on Monday the 17th ult. a Molatta Male Child, apparently about two years old, and neatly clothed, was exposed and found in George's Square, about eleven o'clock at night; the strict attention of the Public in the discovery of the cruel exposer of said child, is earnestly requested. And the person or persons making such discovery, upon conviction of the exposer, by applying to any of the members of the Kirk-Session of St Cuthbert's, shall receive TWO GUINEAS of reward.

N. B. As practices of this nature have of late become so frequent, the Kirk-session of St Cuthbert's have determined to prosecute the offenders with the utmost rigour of law. Not to be repeated.

ALEX. GARDNER, Sess. Clk.

EDINBURGH, 1st June, 1784.

MAJOR GENERAL LESLIE, commanding his Majesty's Forces, &c. in North Britain, hereby gives notice, That he is ready to receive proposals from any person or persons willing to supply by contract, BREAD for his Majesty's 9th regiment of foot, now lying in Edinburgh Castle.

The Bread is to be made of flour of good marketable wheat, out of which the first bran has been taken by means of an eight shilling cloth. Each soldier's allowance of this bread for four days, is a well baked loaf weighing six pounds.

The proposals to be sealed, and addressed to John Melvill, Esq; Secretary to Leiutenant-General Mackay, on or before Saturday next, the 5th instant.

NOTICE

To the Creditors of JOHN CHRISTIAN of Cuningpark, late Merchant in Ayr.

THE Trustee named on the sequestrated real and personal estate of the said John Christian, hereby, in terms of the late bankrupt-act, requests the Creditors to meet by themselves or their doers properly authorised, in the house of Robert Wharton vintner in Ayr, on Thursday the 15th day of July 1784, at twelve noon, in order to consider whether the Trustee should bring Mr Christian's heritable estate to judicial sale before the Court of Session, or dispose thereof by voluntary public sale; and if the latter, in what lots the estate should be exposed, and the upset-prices thereof.

EDIN. JUNE 1. 1784. JAMES THOMSON.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

EDINBURGH. JUNE 1. 1784.

ON application of JAMES JOHNSTON, sometime of Ostend, presently merchant in Edinburgh, with concurrence of Mr William Lumsden writer to the signet, one of his creditors, the Lord Eskgrove officiating as Ordinary on the Bills, by his deliverance, of this date, "sequestrated the whole real and personal estate belonging to the said "James Johnston, and appointed his creditors to meet in John's Coffeehouse on Friday the 11th day of June instant, at 12 o'clock noon, "in order to chuse an interim factor on the said estate; and granted "commission to any of the Magistrates of Edinburgh, or the Sheriff-"depute or substitute of the county, to attend the said meeting," for the purposes expressed in the statute. Of which sequestration and appointment notice is hereby given in terms of the statute.

FOR JAMES's RIVER IN VIRGINIA,

And to load Goods in Hampton Road,

THE BRIGANTINE

NEPTUNE,

—— BELL Master,

WILL be ready to take on board goods at Greenock by the 1st June; and, as a great part of her cargo is already engaged, will positively sail as soon as that is on board, whether she gets filled up or not.

For freight or passage, apply to William Hamilton and Co. Merchants in Greenock, or to James Robertson at the Merchant Bank, Glasgow.

The NEPTUNE is a stout British built vessel, of about 160 tons burden, and has good accommodation for passengers.

FOR JAMES's RIVER, VIRGINIA,

THE SHIP ELIZABETH,

Burden 300 tons, British built, quite new, lying at Port Glasgow, is now ready to take in goods, and will be clear to sail by the first June next.—Passage in the cabin 12 Guineas, the passengers to pay over and above their proportion of cabin stores.—Steerage passage 7 Guineas in full. For freight or passage, apply to William French, merchant in Glasgow, or Captain John Crawford, Port Glasgow. The ship has excellent accommodation for passengers, will lie a few days in Hampton Road, to put out any goods that may offer for the other Rivers, and then proceed to City Point on James's River.

GLASGOW, April 26. 1784.

For the Last Times absolutely.

At the particular Request of several Persons of Distinction.

EIDOURANION;

OR,

LARGE TRANSPARENT ORRERY.

MR WALKER JUNIOR, esteems himself particularly flattered by the numerous applications for his longer stay, by which he is induced to repeat his

ASTRONOMICAL LECTURE,

On the above Machine,
This present WEDNESDAY, and on FRIDAY next,
at Seven in the evenings,
IN THE OLD ASSEMBLY HALL, EDINBURGH.
Admittance, HALF-A-CROWN.

And that none who wish to attend this Lecture may be disappointed, he assures the Public, that these will be his LAST TIMES absolutely in this City.

Tickets, and books of the Lectures, to be had at Messrs Corri and Sutherland's music-shop, Bridge-street; Mr Creech's, bookseller; Royal Exchange and Exchange Coffeehouses; and at Dunn's and Poole's Hotels.

N. B. A Stage of Seats are erected, elevated above each other, for the accommodation of those in a distant part of the room; so that every person is enabled to have a distinct view of the Machine.

Sale of Lands in Argleshire.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, upon Tuesday the 22d day of June 1784, between five and six afternoon,

THE Estate of DUNTROON and OIB, lying in the parishes of Kilmartine and North Knapdale, and shire of Argyle, as formerly advertised and described. The present free rent is upwards of 860l. and the tenants all thriving. The situation of the estate is both pleasant and convenient; the communication easy, and the soil excellent. The woods are extensive and thriving.

A more complete and desireable property rarely appears in the market; and it will be sold either in one lot, or the four lots formerly advertised.

For further particulars, inquire at John Moir, writer to the signet, Edinburgh, or Duncan Campbell writer in Inverary. John Campbell school-master at Duntroon, will show that estate, and John Campbell at Tayloch, the estate of Oib.

SALE OF LANDS IN PERTHSHIRE.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the house of Mr Marshall vintner in Perth, upon Wednesday the 7th day of July 1784, betwixt the hours of one and three afternoon,

One Third Part of All and Haill the Lands of BALBIGGIE, lying in the parish of Kinnoul, and within four miles of the town of Perth. These lands consist of above one hundred acres arable, and are partly inclosed. They hold of a subject-superior, for payment of a feu-duty of 3 s. 4 d. The whole are in the natural possession of the proprietor, and about two-thirds of the ground have been laid down in grass for these three years past. The purchaser may enter to the whole at Martinmas first. The dwelling house and offices are in good condition—These lands are now separate and distinct from the other two thirds.

For further particulars, apply to John Ogilvie writer in Dundee, who will show the progress of writs and conditions of sale, and to whom the creditors of John Watson of Balbiggie are desired to give in notes of their debts, betwixt and the day of sale.

JUDICIAL SALE.

TO be SOLD, by authority of the Lords of Council and Session, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 14th day of July 1784, betwixt the hours of four and five in the afternoon,

All and Haill that TENEMENT of LAND,

which pertained to Colin Mitchell, late goldsmith in Edinburgh, lying upon the north side of the street of the burgh of Canongate, near the foot thereof, with ten feet of the yard contiguously adjacent to the forehouse of said tenement.

And also, All and Haill, that DWELLING-HOUSE and SHOP, back and fore, immediately below the second storey of the tenement of Land called Bailie Rae's land, lying on the north side of the street of the burgh of Canongate, near the head; both held of the City of Edinburgh for payment of a small feu-duty.

The articles and conditions of sale to be seen at the office of Mr George Kirkpatrick, depute clerk of Session; and for further particulars, apply to Henry Home writer to the signet.

Sale of Lands in the Stewartry of Kirkcubright.

TO be SOLD by auction, within John's Coffeehouse in Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 28th day of July next, betwixt the hours of five and six in the afternoon,

The following PARTS of the LANDS and ESTATE belonging to Mr THOMSON of INGLESTON, in the following LOTS, viz.

LOT I.

The Lands of OVER and NETHER TORRS of KELTON, and and five Parks of the Lands of Causewayend, lying in the parish of Kelton; and the six-merk Land of CORRA, lying in the parish of Butle. The free rent of these lands at present, after deducing public burdens, is 370 l. 2 s. 9 d. 6-12ths.

These lands are of a most excellent soil, contain plenty of marle, and lie within 16 measured miles of the town of Dumfries, and 10 miles of Kirkcudbright, and upon the great military road between Dumfries and Port-Patrick.

The whole of these lands hold of the Crown, except Causewayend, which holds of a subject-superior blench; and there is an obligation in the feu-rights to enter the heirs of singular successors gratis.

The lands of Torrs alone will entitle the purchaser to a freehold qualification in the stewartry.

LOT II.

The Four-merk Land of MEIKLE GLEN and GLENEND, and the Three-merk Land of LITTLE GLEN, all lying in the parish of Kirkmabreck.

The free yearly rent of these lands, after deducing public burdens, is 172 l. 6 s. 4 d. but it is well known in the country, that they will admit of a considerable rise.

There is a good house, of four rooms on a floor, with garden and office-houses on these lands.

The lands of Little Glen alone will entitle the purchaser to a freehold qualification in the stewartry, in consequence of an old retour; and the lands of Meikle Glen stand rated in the valuation books at 165 l.

LOT III.

The Eight-merk Lands of WHITESIDE and CALSIDE, with the teinds thereof, lying in the parish of Anwith.

The present rent of these lands is 100 l. Sterling, and the tenants pay the whole public burdens. They are held blench of the Crown, and are rated in the valuation-books at 150 l.

LOT IV.

The Lands of FALBAE, lying in the parish of Kirkmabreck. The present free rent whereof is 24 l. Sterling; and they are retoured to a merk land of old extent.

Mr Adam Thomson, factor upon the estate, will show the lands.

For further particulars, persons desirous to purchase may apply to John Anderson writer to the signet, or John M'Ewan writer in Edinburgh; and Mr David Russell accountant in Edinburgh, has power to conclude a private bargain.

ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY.

MUSEUM, MAY, 1784.

AT the last meeting of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, it was resolved,

1mo, That the Thanks of the Society be given to the DONORS, and to those Persons who have communicated such learned or useful papers, observations or remarks, as relate to the objects of this institution; and that a catalogue of the same be forthwith printed, together with an account of the transactions of the Society since their last publication.

2do, That the Thanks of the Society be likewise given to those Members who have been so good as to comply with the request of the Society, by adding to their library the printed works of such of them as are authors.

3tio, That public notice be given to those Members who have neglected to pay their yearly contributions beyond the time limited by the statutes, that unless their arrears are paid on or before the first of August next, they will be considered as having withdrawn themselves from the Society, their places declared vacant, and new candidates elected in their room.

FARM IN BERWICKSHIRE.

TO be SET, for one or two years, by public roup, within the house of Mrs Weir vintner in Dunse, on Wednesday the 9th June curt. at twelve o'clock noon,

The FARM of COCKBURNMAINS, lying in the parish of Dunse, and shire of Berwick. The farm is very extensive, and a fine dry sheep pasture.

The conditions of set will be seen in the hands of Mr Ainslie at Berrywell, near Dunse, to whom, or to James Walker writer to the signet, any person wanting to take the same, may apply.

The people on the lands will show the farm.

JUDICIAL SALE.

TO be SOLD, within the Parliament or New Session house of Edinburgh, upon Tuesday the 29th day of June curt. betwixt the hours of four and six afternoon,

The following Lands and other Subjects,

Which belonged to Messrs ROBERT & WILLIAM ALEXANDERS, late Merchants in Edinburgh.

SHIRE OF AYR.

LOT I. The Lands of Blackhouse, Dalmelling, and Boghall, and teinds thereof, lying in the parish of Saint Quivox, and shire of Ayr, with some Houses and Yards at the Bridge-end of Ayr.

The proven rent, after all deductions, is 190l. 12s. 9d. 9-12ths.

And the proven value of these lands, being partly held of the Crown and partly of a subject-superior, is L. 3096 12 6 9-12ths.

N.B. The subtenants pay of advance rent to the the principal tacksmen, L. 388 4 2 11-12ths.

And the proven value of the coal on this estate of Blackhouse, which is situate within a very small distance of the port of Ayr, is 6000 0 0

Upset price of lot I. L. 14096 12 6 9-12ths

LOT II. The Lands of Duphold and Crufthead, lying in the parish and shire of Ayr.

The proven free rent is 202 l. 9 s. 4 d.

And proven value, being held fee of the Town of Ayr, at 23 years purchase, is L. 2356 14 8

LOT III. The Lands and Barony of Underwood, comprehending the Lands of Fowtown, Wardnuke, and Auldside, Hoghall, Underhill, and Dixton, and Underwood Mains, lying in the parishes of Stair and Craigie, and shire of Ayr.

The proven free rent is 199 l. 2 s. 7 d. 9-12ths.

And the proven value, being held of a subject-superior, at 23 years purchase, is L. 4580 0 10 3-12ths

SHIRE OF FIFE.

LOT IV. The Lands and Barony of Cluny, and teinds thereof, lying in the parishes of Kinglassie and Kinghorn, and shire of Fife.

The proven free rent is 487 l. 16 s. 4 d. 11-12ths.

And the proven value, being partly held of the Crown, and partly of a subject-superior, at 23 years purchase, is L. 11219 17 3 2-12ths

And the proven value of the coal on this estate of Cluny is 1000 0 0

Upset price of this lot. L. 12219 7 3 2-12ths

This estate gives two freehold qualifications in the county.

HOUSES IN PITTENWEEM.

LOT V. Several Houses, Yards, and others, in and about the town of Pittenweem.

The proven free rent is 26 l. 9 s. 6 d.

And the proven value, being held burgage, at 8 years purchase, is L. 211 16 0

SHIRE OF EDINBURGH.

LOT VI. The Lands of Tailend, Little Haugh, and the Mailing of Langside, in the parish of West Calder, and county of Edinburgh.

The proven free rent is, L. 28 13 8 8-12ths

And the proven value, being held of a subject superior, at 23 years purchase, is L. 659 15 7 4 12ths

LOT VII. The Lands of Clermiston and Findlayhill, and teinds thereof, lying in the parishes of Corstorphin and Cramond, and shire of Edinburgh, with the superiority of a part of these lands belonging in property to Mr Walter Scott writer to the signet, and which together give a freehold qualification in the county.

The proven free rent is, L. 88 10 4 11-12ths.

And the proven value, at twenty-three years purchase is, L. 2035 19 5 11-12ths

HOUSE IN EDINBURGH.

LOT VIII. The Upper Lodging in the back-land in Macmorron's Close, south side of the Lawn Market, Edinburgh, at present known by the name of Durie's Office.

The proven free rent is, L. 20:

And the proven value, being held burgage, is L. 200

SUBJECTS IN LEITH.

LOT IX. A Tack from the town of Edinburgh, for three nineteen years after Martinmas 1752 of the Inclosure or Yard at the back of the Weigh-house of Leith, with cellars and warehouses built thereon, presently possessed by Mess. Ramsay and Williamson.

The proven value of this tack is, L. 237

BREWERY IN EDINBURGH.

LOT X. The Two Acres of Ground at St Leonard's Wynd, in Pleasance near Edinburgh, with the brewery, house, office-houses, and whole pertinents lately built thereon, possessed by Mr Hugh Bell brewer.

The proven value being held of the city of Edinburgh is, L. 2000

SUBJECTS IN LEITH.

LOT XI. The Subjects in Leith formerly occupied as a Cudbear Manufactory.

The proven free rent is, L. 27 19 9 2-12ths.

And the proven value, being held of a subject superior, is L. 370

SUPERIORITY IN THE SHIRE OF DUMFRIES.

LOT. XII. The Superiority of the Lands of Skiftinghaim or Skiftinghope, with houses and pertinents lying within the stewartry of Annandale, and shire of Dumfries, which gives a freehold qualification.

The proven value is. L. 100

The articles of sale and progress may be seen at the office of Mr Stevenson depute clerk of session; and further information will be got by applying to William Dick writer to the signet.

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From the LONDON GAZETTE, *May 29.*

St James's, May 29.

The following Addreſs of the General Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland, having been tranſmitted to the Right Honourable Lord Sydney, his Majeſty's Principal Secretary of State for the home department, by the Earl of Leven, his Majeſty's High Commiſſioner, has been preſented to the King: Which Addreſs his Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

WE, your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal ſubjects, the Miniſters and Elders met together in the General Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland, beg leave, with all humility and reſpect, to approach your Majeſty's Throne, and with that affection which we owe to our gracious Sovereign, to aſſure your Majeſty of our ſincere and inviolable attachment to your Royal perſon, family, and government.

Senſible of the many ineſtimable bleſſings which theſe kingdoms, and this Church in particular, derive from the beneficent reign of a Prince, who is ſo juſtly eſteemed as the affectionate father of his people, we feel ourſelves deeply intereſted in every event which is conducive to the proſperity and happineſs of your Majeſty's family. While we rejoice in ſuch events as contributing to your Majeſty's domeſtic felicity, we are at the ſame time convinced that they afford additional ſecurity to thoſe privileges, both ſacred and civil, which this nation have had the happineſs to enjoy under the auſpicious government of your Majeſty, and of your illuſtrious anceſtors.

Animated by theſe ſentiments, we do, with the moſt cordial ſatisfaction, and with the moſt devout gratitude to Almighty God, the ſovereign diſpoſer of all events, congratulate your Majeſty, that ſince the laſt meeting of the General Aſſembly, God, in his kind providence, hath been pleaſed to add to your Majeſty's family by the birth of another Princeſs; and to gratify the ardent wiſhes of all your Majeſty's loyal ſubjects, by the happy recovery of your Royal conſort, our moſt gracious Queen, from her late indiſpoſition.

That God may be graciouſly pleaſed to preſerve your Majeſty's moſt valuable life for a bleſſing to your kingdom and people; that he may take under his merciful protection our moſt gracious Queen, his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, and all your Royal family; that the deſcendants of your Majeſty's illuſtrious Houſe may ſit on the Britiſh Throne, and be eminent protectors of the liberties of all your Majeſty's dominions, to the lateſt poſterity; and that your Majeſty, after a long, a glorious, and a happy reign, over a free and faithful people, may, at laſt, through the merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, be rewarded with a Crown of immortal glory in the kingdom of heaven, are, and ever ſhall be, the moſt fervent prayers of,

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,
Your Majeſty's moſt faithful, moſt obedient, and moſt loyal ſubjects,
The Miniſters and Elders met in this national Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our name, in our preſence, and at our appointment, by
Edin. May 22 1784. JOHN DRYSDALE, Moderator.

[This Gazette likewiſe contains an addreſs to his Majeſty from the Sheriff, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the county of Kent, on the diſmiſſion of his late Miniſtry.]

INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD'S, *May* 28.

The Pr. Kaunitz, M'Kenzie, and Count Collourath, was to ſail from China for Europe about Chriſtmas.

The cargoes of the Earl of Hertford, Fortitude, and Latham, intended for China, arrived ſafe at Canton in the General Coote, Francis, and Montague.

The Antelope Packet, Captain Wilſon, was loſt between the 9th and 10th of Auguſt laſt, on a reef of rocks near the iſlands of Palos, with the loſs of one man. The Captain and crew ſaved ſufficient from the raft to build themſelves a ſmall veſſel, and after remaining on the iſland three months, arrived ſafe at Macao: She had been at Canton with the orders of the Company, and was proceeding to fulfil further inſtructions when loſt.

The Trent, Dunn, of Hull, laden with ſalt, from Alicant for the Baltic, ſtruck on the Bar of St Lucar, and muſt be unloaded to repair.

The Whitby Warrior, Redmond, was wrecked on the iſland of Albaco, on her voyage from St Auguſtine to St Marks; part of the cargo will be ſaved.

The Fanning, Atwater, on her voyage from Port Roſeway to New York, was blown off the coaſt of America, and is arrived at Barbadoes in diſtreſs.

The Contractor, Captain Mackintoſh, for Coaſt and China, was at Port Praya the 22d of Feb all well.

The Cox, Maſon, from Barbadoes to Philadelphia, is ſtranded on the iſland Aſſiſtagne, coaſt of Virginia.

Extract of a letter from Liſbon, May 8. The N. S. D. Arabida, from Bombay and Goa, arrived here, brings advice, that the St Antonio, Polefermo, or Naw De Viagem, was arrived ot Goa, the N. S. da Vida, at Bombay; the Rite, ——, had put into Bourbon, and the Princeſs of Brazil, into the Iſle of France.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

FRIDAY, *May* 28.

Lord Sherborne, and ſeveral other Peers, took the oaths and their ſeats.

Received ſeveral petitions for bringing in bills.

Lord *Sydney*, by his Majeſty's command, preſented yeſterday to the Houſe of Peers a petition of Mr Fullerton, late Lieutenant-Colonel in the ſervice of the Crown of Portugal, claiming the title of Lord Spynie. The ſame was read, and ordered to be referred to a committee of privileges.

Adjourned to Wedneſday.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, *May* 28.

The Speaker reported his Majeſty's anſwer to their addreſs of thanks of the day before, which was as follows:

"GENTLEMEN,

"I return you my moſt cordial thanks for this very loyal and dutiful addreſs.

"The affectionate expreſſions of attachment from my faithful Commons, and their zealous regard to the principles of our invaluable conſtitution, muſt ever afford me the moſt ſincere ſatisfaction."

Agreed to the report of the reſolution of Thurſday, for granting a ſupply to his Majeſty.

Ordered that an humble addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, that the eſtimates of the army, navy, guards, garriſons, arrears of pay to foreign troops, &c. &c. be laid before them.

Several petitions, complaining of undue elections, (and among them one againſt Alderman Sawbridge, member for the city of London) having been read,

Mr *Sawbridge* roſe, and claiming the attention of the Houſe for a few moments, begged leave to aſk the Right Honourable Chancellor of the Exchequer, if it was his intention to bring forward this Seſſion any motion relative to a Parliamentary Reform, either by a bill for the more equal repreſentation, or by appointing a Committee to enquire into the preſent ſtate of repreſentation? His reaſon for aſking this queſtion, he ſaid, was, that if the Right Hon. Gentleman did not intend to bring in a bill, to make the latter motion, he wiſhed the Houſe to underſtand that he would himſelf bring it forward on Thurſday next.

The *Chancellor of the Exchequer* replied, that he did not conſider himſelf as bound to anſwer the Honourable Member's queſtion. He confeſſed it was a ſubject that often agitated his mind; it met his moſt cordial wiſhes, and would alſo meet his moſt ſtrenuous exertions whenever brought forward. He appealed, however, to the candour and impartiality of the Houſe, and he truſted Gentlemen would give him credit for his ſincerity, when he declared, that he conceived it would not be adviſeable to bring forward ſo early in the ſeſſion, and when ſo much was to be done, a buſineſs of ſo important a nature. If the Honourable Gentleman, who at a former period put the ſame queſtion to him, was truly ſincere in his intentions, which he entertained not the ſmalleſt doubt of, he would by no means adviſe him to bring it forward at this time.

Mr *Sawbridge* was going to reply, when

Mr *Martin* eſpied a Peer under the gallery, and made his uſual obſervations on that ſubject.

Mr *Sawbridge* then roſe, and declared that his intentions were certainly ſincere, and if the Right Honourable Gentleman, (Mr Pitt) would give the reform the ſupport he ſo very ſincerely promiſed, he had not the ſmalleſt ſhadow of doubt but their endeavours would be crowned with ſucceſs. This however, was, in his opinion, the beſt and moſt proper time to bring forward a buſineſs of ſuch importance, when members were juſt returned from their electors, knew their diſpoſitions, and ſuch a number of them attended as perhaps would not be preſent at any future period.

Mr *Pitt* ſaid, he ſhould by no means pledge himſelf to bring forward, at any period, the ſpecific motion of the Honourable Gentleman; but he wiſhed the Houſe to underſtand, that he meant to bring forward, at a more convenient time, ſuch a motion as in his opinion would anſwer the end propoſed by the Honourable Member, which he hoped would have the deſired effect.

Mr *Sawbridge*, however, perſiſted in his intention of making a motion for a Committee on Thurſday.

Mr *Fox's* petition was then read, in purſuance of the order of the day, and counſel called in upon it.

Two witneſſes were alſo called to the bar in behalf of the petition, beſides Colonel Fitzpatrick, who gave his teſtimony in his place.

Meſſ. *Erſkine* and *Pigot* made each excellent ſpeeches, to prove the High Bailiff *functus officio* on the 18th of May, which was the return of the Sheriff's precept.

The latter in particular proved by Colonel Fitzpatrick, that the High-Bailiff cloſed the poll on the 17th, *of his own authority*, without conſent of the candidates, and when there remained ſtill a ſufficient number of electors unpolled, to keep the books open; and that the reaſon aſſigned by the Bailiff for cloſing the poll, was, that he muſt on that day, or the next at fartheſt, return the *præcipe* to the Sheriff. The Colonel proved that Mr Fox's voters were ſcrutinized moſt rigorouſly before they were ſuffered to poll; that when a vote was objected to, it was not admitted till the High-Bailiff himſelf had been appealed to, and until he had pronounced it to be admiſſible; and that particularly after Mr Fox began to gain upon the majority obtained by Sir Cecil Wray, the pariſh books were produced on the Huſtings, and a moſt ſtrict ſcrutiny took place on every vote offered for Mr Fox; ſo much ſo indeed, that many votes were frequently refuſed on different days of the poll, until enquiry ſhould be made, that it might be aſcertained whether the perſons whoſe votes were thus refuſed for the day were *bona fide* electors; and when theſe perſons were afterwards admitted to poll, it was in conſequence of the enquiries that had been made in the interim; ſo that the High-Bailiff could not have even the ſhadow of a ground for granting a ſcrutiny.

Mr Crowder, another witneſs, proved that he never ſaw ſo ſtrict or ſo rigorous a ſcrutiny in his life as was obſerved when any perſon preſented himſelf to vote for Mr Fox. The rigour of this ſcrutiny had been carried ſo far, that the teſt and abjuration oaths had been tendered to ſeveral clergymen and officers in the army; and that not a man, whoſe vote was in any degree diſputed, was ſuffered to poll, until the High-Bailiff, after a hearing of all the circumſtances, adjudged the vote to be admiſſible.

Mr Philips proved nearly the ſame particulars, and further, that twenty minutes before three o'clock (the uſual hour of cloſing the poll) on the 17th curt. three men offered themſelves to be polled for Mr Fox, but they could not give their votes becauſe the books were cloſed.

Mr Pigot made a ſpeech of near two hours, in which he proved from law, from the King's warrant to the keeper of the Great Seal to make out the writs for calling a new Parliament, and from the writs themſelves, that all the members for all the counties, cities, and boroughs ought to be returned to Parliament on or before the day on which the writs ſay it is to meet; and that after that day no poll or ſcrutiny can, in law, be carried on. He concluded a moſt admirable ſpeech, replete with legal knowledge, ſound ſenſe, and pointed reaſoning, with a warning to the Houſe how they revived queſtions of taxation and repreſentation: By an attempt to ſever theſe two terms, an empire had been loſt to this country; and he bid the Houſe beware how they gave the city of Weſtminſter a handle for proteſting againſt the payment of taxes to be voted while that city has no repreſentatives in the Commons Houſe.

Mr *Mingay* (with Mr *Watſon*, for the High Bailiff) was proceeding to reply, but having inſinuated fatigue, from an early attendance in Weſtminſter-Hall, and a further attendance at the bar,

Mr *Welbore Ellis* thought in candour the Houſe ſhould adjourn.

Sir *James Johnſtone* and Mr *Medley* were for proceeding.

Mr *Dundas*, joining in opinion with Mr Ellis, moved an adjournment till Monday.

After ſome converſation, the Houſe adjourned at ten o'clock to the forementioned day.

From the London Papers, May 29.

LONDON.

This morning advice was received at the Eaſt-India Houſe, that the Dutton homeward-bound Eaſt Indiaman, from China, was ſafely arrived in Margate roads.

Yeſterday morning the purſers of the Royal Henry and Rodney homeward-bound Eaſt Indiamen, came to the Indiahouſe with the agreeable intelligence of the ſafe arrival of the above ſhips at Torbay, all well.

The official intelligence of the ſigning the Dutch treaty being at laſt received, the Council are preparing directions for a day of general thankſgiving.

Letters from Amſterdam by the laſt mail mention, that advices had been received by their High Mightineſſes from the Governor of Batavia, with the agreeable account that the diſputes between the Engliſh and the ſubjects of the States-General, on the coaſt of Malabar, had been ſettled to the ſatisfaction of both parties.

The above accounts are dated the 20th of January, and further ſay, that a quarrel had ariſen between the Portugueſe Governor of Goa and the country powers of Viſiapur, and that hoſtilities had actually commenced.

Mr Dempſter preſented yeſterday to the Houſe of Commons, "a bill to aſcertain the manner and form of taking an oath by certain perſons Proteſtants of the ancient Church of Scotland;" the ſame was read a firſt time, and ordered to be read a ſecond time.

A petition of Mr Daubeney, complaining of an undue election for the city of Briſtol; alſo,

A petition of James Moncrief, complaining of an undue return for the diſtrict of the boroughs of Kilrenny, &c. alſo,

A petition of Alexander Penroſe Cuming, complaining of an undue return for the ſhire of Elgin; and alſo,

A petition of Colonel James Francis Erſkine, complaining of an undue election for the boroughs of Queensferry, &c. were preſented yeſterday to the Houſe of Commons, read, and days appointed for hearing.

Yeſterday a petition from the Lord Mayor and Commons of the city of London, in Common Council aſſembled, was preſented to the Houſe of Commons againſt the receipt-tax bill; the ſame was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Houſe of Commons do not adjourn even for the holidays, but will proceed on Monday and Tueſday next on public buſineſs.

Yeſterday Sir James Lowther kiſſed his Majeſty's hand at St James's, on being created Earl of Lonſdale, &c.

This day Mr Robertſon took his trial at the Seſſion-Houſe in the Old-Bailey, on the charge of feloniouſly making and counterfeiting a certain order for the delivery of goods, purporting to be the order of Sir Edward Hughes, K. B. to Mr Gambold, late purſer of his Majeſty's ſhip Superb, directing the ſaid Gambold to deliver certain ſtores, &c. therein ſpecified, for the uſe of the garriſon at Goree, on the coaſt of Africa, when there not being evidence ſufficient to ſupport the charge, Mr Robertſon was honourably acquitted.

No buſineſs done this day at 'Change.

WIND AT DEAL, MAY 28. S. W.

EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, May 29.

"A petition has been preſented againſt Mr Fox by Mr Sinclair of Ulbſter, his competitor for the diſtrict of burghs in the Orkney's, &c. Mr Fox had three out of five burghs, Mr Sinclair only two. But this gentleman contends, that Mr Fox was not a freeman of any of thoſe burghs, a circumſtance which the law of Parliament requires as a qualification in its members. Mr Fox, in juſtification of his own cauſe, pleads, that a Committee of the Houſe of Commons had given it as their opinion, that this law of Parliament might, on particular occaſions, be diſpenſed with. Thus the caſe is ſomewhat dubious; and the general *bent* of the Houſe, which is againſt Mr Fox, will probably determine it; for this *bent* will influence and determine the complexion of the Committee by which it is to be decided. Mr Fox will, however, at the worſt, find ſhelter in his old burgh of Malmſbury. This burgh is at the diſpoſal of his family.

"Mr Pitt, when out of power, talked much of the reformation of Parliament. He now ſees many difficulties attending this meaſure, and conſiders it as a very arduous taſk. At the ſame time, he does not ſay that he is not for any reformation; on the contrary, he thinks a reformation neceſſary, and promiſes not to loſe ſight of it. But more important buſineſs muſt be tranſacted firſt. This, in the opinion of ſome politicians, is, "*The Blue Bells of Ireland*, (a ſong);

"He promiſed for to marry me,
"But did not tell me when."

On Tueſday, Mrs *Siddons* gratified the public with the part of Lady *Randolph*, in the tragedy of *Douglas*; a piece in which the audience of this place have always taken peculiar delight. And juſtly ſo. Since, if partiality to the work of a countryman does not bias us (and the rank now attained by his production, where that cauſe of favour could not advance it, forbids us to believe ſo), it is diſtinguiſhed by various perfections, in which we heartily wiſh that the language afforded a larger number of tragedies to rival it. We were, beſides, particularly deſirous to hear *Matilda's moan* poured forth by Mrs Siddons on another account—We remembered that of all the parts which Mrs Crawford performed here, it was this which raiſed her higheſt in our eſtimation; and we underſtood that this actreſs herſelf, in performing it repeatedly againſt Mrs Siddons, this winter, in London, had pitched upon it as a field, on which to encounter, and take revenge upon, the formidable deſtroyer of her fame. We had heard too, that there were ſome, who heſitated, as to this character (for the point was given up as to every other) where to give the preference. In the firſt and ſecond ſcenes accordingly, from which it is evident that the rival performers differ in their general conception of the character, we can imagine that there is room for an oppoſition of ſentiment. Under Mrs Crawford's hands, Lady Randolph was, throughout theſe ſcenes, a plaintive, and highly impaſſioned character; like one whoſe griefs were ſtill freſh, and prompted unceaſing lamentations. She aimed, in ſhort, at the higheſt pathetic, from the very outſet. In Mrs Siddons's performance, Matilda's ſorrows wear a more compoſed, and more venerable form; ſhe is leſs frequently paſſionate in her plaints: Tender, indeed, and intereſting ſhe every where is, and, at times, while ſhe relates her ſad ſtory, as for inſtance in delivering the words, "*My Lord, my life, my huſband! Mighty God! what had I done to merit ſuch affliction?*" and in ſome others, moſt truly affecting: But ſtill ſhe does not indulge, and give reins to, that power of opening the ſprings of woe, and deluging the heart with compaſſion, which, whenever ſhe pleaſes, ſhe poſſeſſes above all created beings. And, if we will conſider in what ſituation the mother of Douglas is introduced to us—that the ſcene of action is not laid at a recent period after her loſſes—that ſhe is no longer a woman in the prime of life—that early and ſevere misfortunes *have killed the forward bloſſom of her heart*, (as ſhe herſelf happily expreſſes it)—that ſhe has borne about a load of anxiety and ſorrow for a length of years—and if, to theſe circumſtances, all tending to exalt her mind, while they ſoften it, we add the ſtrain of virtuous, devout, and elevated ſentiment, in which ſhe evidently takes delight, and which marks her ſerious, contemplative, turn of mind; we ſhall diſcern the propriety of inveſting the matron with more ſober garments than Mrs Crawford arrayed her in, and ſpreading, as Mrs Siddons does, an air of ſolemnity over her *time-ſettled ſorrows*. This conception is unqueſtionably nearer to nature and the truth, whatever it may be to the intention of the poet; and, what ſhould, perhaps, by itſelf decide the queſtion, this chaſtened mode of going through theſe ſcenes is attended with the invaluable advantage, that it gives double force to the impaſſioned ſcenes which follow,

and enables the performer, with the more ſtrength and certainty, to ſeize and to hold the affections at the criſis of the ſtory, where it is of moſt importance to maintain them—an advantage which we are ſure, from what we have obſerved in more parts than one, that Mrs Siddons well underſtands. And ſo her ſucceſs in the remainder of Lady Randolph ſhowed it.—We diſcovered many ſymptoms of her approaching greatneſs in the ſcenes of the ſecond act. For never was there language more plain than the progreſſive expreſſions of her countenance, while young Norval rehearſes his ſtory, until at length ſhe is ſurpriſed by the tear ſtarting from her eye; or if any thing, never was there any language half ſo beautiful. Neither did we ever hear the injunction to Glenalvon, "*The friendleſs ſtranger my protection claims; I am his friend, and be not thou his foe,*" delivered with ſo impoſing a tone and countenance. Still leſs did we ever ſee any thing approaching to the animated picture of generous confidence which ſhe exhibits in ſpeaking the words, "*I will be ſworn thou wilt not,*" to confirm young Norval's promiſe of his honour.—But no ſooner was ſhe engaged in the great ſcene of the piece, which reſtores her child, than the heart of every mortal gave involuntary teſtimony to the magic of her powers, and ſmote him for being raſh enough to believe, though but for a ſingle moment, that this woman could not unlock it when ſhe would. We do not remember to have ſeen, on any occaſion, an audience ſo deeply, and ſo univerſally, affected. And no wonder. The ſcene itſelf is an admirable one; and in her performance of it, ſhe ſoars as high above all other performers, as the ſcene itſelf is above the reſt of the play. The delicate tranſitions and revolutions in her countenance, as the old ſhepherd proceeds in his eventful ſtory—the anxiety, the earneſtneſs, the agitation, with which ſhe puts her queſtions to him—the wild buſts of grief, the exclamations of miſery, with which ſhe interupts him—the cry of triumph, of wonder, of tranſport, that breaks from her when the light at laſt glances in upon the ſtory—the paſſionate expreſſions of gratitude and fondneſs to the old ſhepherd, ſuch as no actreſs but Mrs Siddons ever felt enough to be tranſported to——the devout overflowings of her heart to heaven,—the brilliant joy and ſatisfaction that play in her eyes, and features, and in all about her, during the remainder of the ſcene—all theſe we would attempt to deſcribe, if we had a confidence in our own words, in any degree proportioned to our admiration of her talents. Suffice it to ſay, much as the poet has done for us in this ſcene, no one who was lucky enough to behold Mrs Siddons play it, but muſt periſh for ever after with double reliſh. It cannot, however, be diſmiſſed ere we remark a paſſage for the ſtriking difference between her mode of ſpeaking it and Mrs Crawford's. The noted words, "*Was he alive?*" is what we mean; which Mrs Crawford always threw from her with the utmoſt keeneſs and animation, unmingled with other expreſſions. Mrs Siddons, on the contrary, with a much ſtricter attention to the ſtate of Lady Randolph's breaſt, overpowered and ſubdued, as it muſt be, at that awful moment, by the greatneſs of the occaſion, and the conteſt of various emotions within her, peaks them in a ſtruggling, ſuffocated voice, expreſſive in the higheſt degree of internal agitation—a mode of delivery, as we conceive, far more natural to the ſituation, and to the character; and preferable, too, for another reaſon: Since it is to his ſtile of execution that we owe, in a great meaſure, the aſtoniſhing force, which attends the exclamation immediately following, "*Inhuman that thou art—How could'ſt thou kill what winds and waves had ſpared!*" The very ſame difference of manner obtains in their ſpeaking of the words, "*Eternal Providence, what is thy name?*" and Mrs Siddons's manner is attended in this inſtance too, as it ſeems to us, with the very ſame advantages as in the other. For here too there follows an exclamation, "*'Tis he! 'tis he himſelf! it is my ſon!*" the effect of which no one can have forgotten. As for the remaining acts of the play, which we have not room to examine particularly, we need only ſay (and it is ſaying all) that ſhe preſerved the impreſſion which ſhe had made, warm and undiminiſhed, throughout them, and (what was never ſeen before) that almoſt as many tears were ſhed at the death of Douglas as at the diſcovery of Norval's birth.

Among other preparations already ſet on foot, to celebrate his Majeſty's birth-day here with proper *eclat*, we are aſſured, that, on Friday night, about ſix o'clock, there will be exhibited, on the Calton-hill, ſome very curious Fire-works, in honour of that event, by a celebrated Italian, particularly a royal ſalute of twenty-one Maroons.

On Saturday laſt, the General Aſſembly entered on the conſideration of a cauſe, brought by proteſt and complaint from the Synod of Roſs, becauſe they gave leave to the Preſbytery of Tain to take on trials, and licenſe, Mr James Dallas, ſtudent in divinity. Mr Daniel Roſe, miniſter of Dingwall, appeared for the proteſters; and Mr Alexander Wood, miniſter at Roſemarky, for the Synod. Parties being fully heard at the bar, it appeared they had no object in view, but to get the meaning of the act 1782, concerning the qualifications neceſſary in ſuch as are to be admitted on trials by Preſbyteries, preciſely explained and aſcertained. The Aſſembly conſidered the matter as of great importance; they thought it was a cauſe well worthy of a full diſcuſſion; and, after reaſoning at conſiderable length on the ſubject, they unanimouſly reverſed the ſentence of the Synod of Roſs, and forbade the Preſbytery of Tain to proceed in taking Mr Dallas's trials, both becauſe he did not reſide in their bounds, and becauſe he neither gave *cloſe* attendance on the Hall for four years, nor did a term of ſix years elapſe from the time of his being inrolled by the Preſbytery as a ſtudent of divinity.

Yeſterday, the Commiſſion of the General Aſſembly took up the cauſe of Melroſe. There appeared as counſel for the libellers, againſt Mr Maclaggan, Meſſ. George Currie and Robert Corbet, advocates; Mr Frederick Maclaggan for himſelf; and Mr Robert Douglas, at Gallaſhiels, for the Preſbytery of Selkirk. We have had occaſion, in former papers, to give ſome account of this extraordinary caſe. The appeals taken from the ſentences of the Preſbytery, reſolved principally into points of law, and were determined ſeparately; the firſt only was conſidered yeſterday, viz. the Preſbytery allowing the precognition taken on oath before the Sheriffs of Edinburgh and Roxburgh to be produced as evidence in the cauſe. This judgment the Commiſſion unanimouſly reverſed.

The Commiſſion, this day, had under conſideration the other points appealed from; the ſame counſel as before. As theſe, however, in a great meaſure, hinged upon the deciſion pronounced yeſterday, and as they would afford no entertainment to our readers to recapitulate them, we ſhall only mention, that the libellers proved ſucceſsful in almoſt all of them. The proof, therefore, againſt Mr Maclaggan, as well as that which he is allowed, by the above judgments, to bring in exculpation, will now proceed before the Preſbytery in the uſual form.

Late on Monday night, or early yeſterday morning, a baker's ſhop in the Lawnmarket was broke into, and thirty ſhillings in halfpence, and ſeveral bills and papers, were carried off. Some of the papers were returned yeſterday morning. The rogues got in at the window.

Monday, ſix companies of the 82d regiment, commanded by Colonel Gunning, at preſent quartered in the Canongate, were diſembodied.

On Saturday, arrived in Leith Roads the Royal Charlotte revenue cutter, Captain Aire, from a cruiſe, with a ſeizure of ſpirits, coffee-beans, and tobacco, taken from boats on the north coaſt.

The Mary, Hay, and the Star, Ritchie, are arrived at Leith from London.

Extract of a letter from Aberdeen, May 31.

"Accounts from all parts of the country agree, that never was a more flattering proſpect of a crop than there is at preſent, and that the crop of hay will be very great. For ſome days paſt, they have been cutting graſs in the environs of the town."

Extract of a letter from Nairn, May 29.

"Yeſterday, was held a general meeting of the independent burgeſſes and inhabitants of this burgh, to take under conſideration a letter to the citizens of the Royal Burghs which have not acceded to the plan of reform, from a member of the General Convention of Delegates, when the ſame was read and unanimouſly approved of, as a moſt ſpirited and manly effort to awaken the minds of every true Scotchman, to rouſe them to a juſt ſenſe of the tyranny and deſpotiſm under which the Royal Burghs have ſo long laboured, and to ſeek for that conſtitutional redreſs which a wiſe and equitable legiſlature cannot poſſibly deny. This burgh, before the ſyſtem of general reform had gone forth, was diſtinguiſhed by a bold and animated exertion for the recovery of their long loſt liberties. They ſtood foremoſt, though ſingle in their complaint, againſt that unconſtitutional and ruinous ſyſtem of government, by non-reſidents, which has now become the ſubject of loud and national animadverſion; and this meeting were unanimouſly reſolved, at the ſame time that they heartily concur with their ſiſter burghs in the intended application to Parliament for an univerſal reform, to bring to a final iſſue the redreſs of their own private grievances at preſent in dependence before the courts of law. Upon this occaſion, many loyal and conſtitutional healths were drank; and a ſpirit of freedom and independence was diſcovered which would not have diſhonoured a more wealthy and opulent corporation. The Burgh of Nairn will be proud, not only of the approbation, but the imitation of the other burghs of the diſtrict."

To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.

SIR,

THE profeſſion of a writer is one of thoſe of which a knowledge cannot be acquired without cloſe application, and a great deal of practice; but, unfortunately for thoſe who intend to follow that buſineſs, and are placed in a chamber where there are ſeveral learners, that attention, requiſite for their improvement, is ſeldom paid to the whole of them by their maſters, who being generally engaged in a multiplicity of buſineſs, too often leave them to be inſtructed by their clerks, who, either through ignorance or unconcern, allow the beginner to paſs over his apprenticeſhip merely in tranſcribing papers, from which little or no uſeful knowledge can be reaped; or in the more ſervile employment of running meſſages. By which means numbers of them have, at the end of a long apprenticeſhip, the mortification to find themſelves utterly incapable of carrying on buſineſs, and, indeed, poſſeſſed of no more knowledge of it than what might have been eaſily acquired in two years, had proper attention been paid to them.

The many fatal effects occaſioned by the blunders of writers are univerſally known. Whatever, therefore, may, in any degree, tend to remove the cauſes of theſe blunders, merits the attention of the Public, at leaſt of thoſe to whoſe care the inſtruction of youth, in the knowledge of that profeſſion, is entruſted; and, as the above-mentioned defect in their education is one of the chief of theſe cauſes, the inſerting this letter in your uſeful paper may, perhaps, by exciting more cloſely the attention of maſters to the inſtruction of their apprentices, be a means for preventing them from falling into ſuch errors.

Your's, &c. ADOLESCENS.

Edin. May 24.

SOUND SHIPPING.

PASSED THE SOUND.

May 13. Nelly of and from Grangemouth, Fenton, for St Petersburgh, with coals.
Drake of Aberdeen, Paterſon, from Norway, for Riga, balaſt.
15. Jean of and from Limekilns, Donaldſon, for Konigsberg, ditto.
Dean of Alloa, Allan, from Leith, for St Petersburgh, ſundries.
James of and from Carron, Johnſton, for Riga, balaſt.
Aurrora of Leith, Gavine, from Bremen, for do. with do.
Counteſs of Hopetoun of Limekilns, Anderſon, from Leith, for St Petersburgh, ditto.
Betſey and Brothers, of and from Glaſgow, Wiſhart, for do.
Jenny of and from Glaſgow, Carr, for do. with do.

N. B. The laſt mentioned veſſel belonging to Glaſgow, brought up to this place the Captain and crew of the ſloop Melvin Caſtle, belonging to Leith, which veſſel foundered on her paſſage from Hamburgh to Memel, off Harthull, nigh Jutland, yeſterday morning. Wind, N. W.

William and Iſabella of Dundee, Caithneſs, from Norway, for Liebaw, balaſt.
Sally of Shields, Hume, from Leith, for Memel, do.
16. Lady Francis of Leith, Gordon, from Shetland, for do. do.
Speedwell of and from Fraſersburgh, Reid, for ditto, with ditto.
Jeſſey of Saltcoats, Wright, from Dublin, for the Baltic, ditto.
17. Unity of and from Dundee, Maver, for Riga, with ditto.
Catharine of and from ditto, Sheppard, for ditto with ditto.
Maria of Leith, Cruden, from Marſtrand for Dantzic, herrings.
George & Margate of ditto, Brown, from ditto, for Riga, ditto.
Hawk of and from Irvine, Gammel, for Memel, in balaſt.
Cunningham of ditto, Gemmel, from Dublin, for ditto, ditto.
Friendſhip of and from Stranraer, Sample, for ditto, with ditto.
Jean of and from Montroſe, Morris, for Elbing, with ditto.
John and Thomas of and from Kincardine, Hughes, for Dantzick, with ditto.
John of and from Leith, Lumſdaine, for Memel, with coals.
Lady Charlotte of Glaſgow, Mercer, from London, for ditto.

ELSINORE, May 15. Wind N. W. WALTER WOOD.

ARRIVED AT GREENOCK, May 29.—Suſannah, Wilſon, from Liverpool, with goods; Elliot, Ward, from ditto, with ditto; Ratham, Brooks, from Cork, with ditto.—30. Katharine, Ker, from Iſlay, with herrings; Polly, M'Doer, from Liverpool, with tobacco; Thomas, ——, from Portſmouth, with timber.

SAILED, May 28.—Peggy, Black, for Dublin, with coals; Menny, M'Lachlane, for Belfaſt, with ditto; Nancy and Jean, M'Larty, for St Kitt's, with goods; Friendſhip, Leitch, for Belfaſt, with with coals.—29. Katty, Moriſon, for Boſton, with goods; Peggy, Campbell, for Belfaſt, with ditto.—30. Glaſgow, Slater, for Kendale, with ditto.

This day is publiſhed, Price Sixpence,

COPY of a PRINTED LETTER,

Signed JOHN GILLIES, and dated at Glaſgow, Sept. 16. 1783.

Addreſſed to the Elders of the Synod of Glaſgow and Ayr, with Obſervations Moral and Theological, by the Reverend Mr PATRICK WOODROW, Miniſter of Tarbolton. Sold by C. Elliot, Edinburgh; Dunlop and Wilſon, Glaſgow; A. Forſyth, Ayr; and J. Wilſon, Kilmarnock. Where may be had, a SPEECH addreſſed to the Provincial Synod of Glaſgow and Ayr, met at Ayr, April 14, 1784, by one of the Members of that Court upon Patronage.

PANTHEON.

UPON Thurſday laſt, the Queſtion,—"Ought the Schoolmaſters Bill, now pending in Parliament to be paſſed?" underwent a very full and animated diſcuſſion. It was carried, without a vote, unanimouſly in the AFFIRMATIVE.

To-morrow evening, the following ſpeculative queſtion will occupy the attention of the Society:—"Are the preſent FASHIONS with regard to DRESS, more ridiculous of the LADIES or GENTLEMEN?"

Tickets to be had at Mr SWAN's Shop, head of Carrubber's Cloſe.

ALEXANDER EDMONSTON Jeweller and Goldſmith, begs leave moſt reſpectfully to inform the Public, That he is now removed to that ſhop in the Parliament Cloſe, lately occupied by Meſſ. Taylor and Howden goldſmiths.

A. EDMONSTON, in a particular manner, humbly ſolicits the continuance of the favours of his own friends, and of thoſe of the deceaſed Mr John Taylor, with whom he entered into copartnerſhip a ſhort time before his death. Theſe, as well as the Public in general, may depend upon every exertion in his power to give ſatisfaction in the way of his buſineſs.

NOTICE

To the Creditors of DUNCAN M'NAUGHTAN, Drover in Caſhlie, in the pariſh of Fortingale, and ſhire of Perth.

THAT at a meeting of the ſaid Duncan Macnaughtan's Creditors, held in the houſe of John Campbell in Kirktown of Fortingale, upon the 14th May laſt, in terms of the appointment of the Lord Ordinary upon the bills; they unanimouſly appointed Patrick Campbell tenant in Kero to be factor for managing the bankrupt's eſtate, and fixed Friday the 16th July next, for the whole Creditors to meet at the place of their laſt meeting, to chuſe a truſtee in his room, of which this notice is given to all concerned.

The Factor likewiſe gives notice, that the Sheriff of Perthſhire has appointed Thurſday the 10th current, and Thurſday in each of the three ſubſequent weeks, at twelve o'clock noon, for the public examination of the bankrupt and his family, and others acquainted with his buſineſs, in the Sheriff Court-Houſe at Perth.

PAT. CAMPBELL.

THE GRAZING PARKS of BARNBOUGLE are now opened, and taking in CATTLE by the Seaſon, or Seaſon and a half, *i. e.* for ſixteen or twenty-four weeks, as Gentlemen incline to enter them; but none will be taken in but of a Monday, from ten to three o'clock, and not for leſs time than a Seaſon of ſixteen weeks, the price of which is

	L.	s.	d.
For a Mare and Foal, two pounds twelve ſhillings and ſixpence,	2	12	6
For an aged Horſe, two pounds two ſhillings,	2	2	0
For a Colt of three years old, two pounds,	2	0	0
For a Colt of two years old, one pound ten ſhillings,	1	10	0
Ditto of one year old, one pound four ſhillings,	1	4	0
For a Cow or Ox, one pound ten ſhillings,	1	10	0
For a Quay of two years old, one pound four ſhillings,	1	4	0
Ditto of one year old, eighteen ſhillings,	0	18	0

The Proprietor of the fields to be liable to no riſque or damages, the owner of the Cattle to take that upon himſelf.

No Stoned Horſes, Diſeaſed Ones, or Fencebreakers to be admitted; for which purpoſe they muſt come to the offices at Barnbougle Caſtle to be inſpected by the Ferrier.

Droves of twenty and upwards will be taken in at all times, and for ſingle nights, at fourpence per night.

Inquire of Mr Cameron, White Hart Inn, Edinburgh, Mr Clark, ferrier there, or at the Lodges of Barnbougle Caſtle, and of Mr Melvill there, or his houſe at Leuchold.

SALE OF HOUSES AND A GARDEN, IN BATHGATE.

TO be SOLD, upon Wedneſday the 23d day of June current, within the houſe of George Jarvey vintner in Bathgate,

ALL and WHOLE, theſe HOUSES, GARDEN, and other Pertinents, as preſently poſſeſſed by William Taylor and others.

The premiſſes rent at about 10l. Sterling yearly, are ſituated in the moſt centrical part of the town of Bathgate, and are ſuitable either for an Inn or Common Brewery.

Perſons intending to purchaſe may apply to John Johnſton or David Corbet writers in Bathgate, to whom the above ſubjects are conveyed in truſt for behoof of the ſaid William Taylor's creditors; and who intreat that theſe creditors will lodge in either of their hands, betwixt and the 1ſt day of July next, notes of their debts againſt the ſaid William Taylor; certifying thoſe who fail ſo to do, That they will not be entitled to draw any ſhare in the diviſion of his funds.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Town Hall of Arbroath, upon Saturday the 3d of July next, at two o'clock afternoon,

That pleaſant ſituated HOUSE, at the Townhead of Arbroath, with the Garden and whole Office-houſes, Parterre and back Court adjoining thereto, which belonged to the deceaſed Alexander Mudie, Town-clerk of Arbroath, and preſently poſſeſſed by Lady Fullerton.

The ground ſtorey of ſaid Houſe conſiſts of a large dining-room, two ſmall rooms or cloſets, and two cellars; one of them fitted up with catacombs. The ſecond ſtorey conſiſts of five fire rooms, and two large garrets above the ſame; and adjoining to the houſe, there is a neat room, and a complete ſet of office-houſes, all in good repair.

Theſe ſubjects are fit to accommodate a genteel family, and afford a delightful proſpect of the neighbouring country.

The progreſs of writs and articles of ſale to be ſeen in the hands of Mr Colvill Town-clerk of Arbroath, to whom any perſon inclining to purchaſe by private bargain may apply.

SALE OF THE LANDS OF BELLEVILLE.

TO be SOLD, in whole or in Lots, the Houſe, Garden, and Parks of BELLEVILLE or CLOCKMILN, conſiſting of about twenty-four Engliſh acres, lying on the eaſt ſide of St Anne's Yards, or King's Park, in the pariſh of St Cuthbert's, or Weſt Kirk, and ſheriffdom of Edinburgh.

The advantages attending theſe lands are various, particularly in point of ſituation. Their vicinity to the city of Edinburgh—their being well ſupplied with excellent ſpring water, with ſtone quarries, &c. point them out as well calculated either for a villa with gardens, pleaſure grounds, paſture, and arable grounds, &c.; or, as affording ſufficient ſpace for erecting a variety of buildings, with a ſuitable proportion of ground to each.

Further particulars will be inſerted in a future advertiſement. Such perſons as wiſh, in the mean time, to be more particularly informed, may apply to Adam Stewart writer in Edinburgh.

To be SOLD by private bargain,

THE Lands and Eſtate of WHITEHOUSE, contiguous to Barntsfield Links, lying in the pariſh of St Cuthbert, and within a ſhort walk from the Croſs of Edinburgh.

The lands are completely incloſed and ſubdivided, and have been in graſs for paſturage only for many years bygone. They are preſently poſſeſſed without leaſe by William Borthwick, gardener. There is a commodious modern manſion-houſe, with ſuitable offices on the premiſes, fit for the accommodation of a genteel family, which are accordingly occupied by William Hope Weir, Eſq; upon a leaſe current till Whitſunday 1785.

The parks, garden, and other ſubjects, will be ſhown by the ſaid William Borthwick; and the manſion-houſe and offices will be ſhown by Mr Hope's ſervants upon Tueſdays and Thurſdays, from twelve to two o'clock.

For further particulars any perſon intending to purchaſe may apply to James Fraſer writer to the ſignet, who has power to conclude a bargain.

PRICE OF GRAIN AT HADDINGTON, May 28. 1784.

Wheat,	23 s.	0 d.	22s.	0 d.	21	0
Barley,	23	0	21	6	20	0
Oats,	17	0	15	6	14	0
Peafe,	16	0	15	0	14	0

Houfes at Bruntsfield Links.

TO be SOLD by public roup, upon Thurfday the 8th day of July next, betwixt the hours of four and five afternoon, in John's Coffeehoufe, thefe HOUSES at the north-weft corner of Bruntsfield Links, near the Toll Bar, viz.

That HOUSE poffeffed by Mr Alexander Fraſer vintner, conſiſting of five rooms, kitchen, good cellars and other conveniencies, well ſituated, and has been long a well frequented tavern.

ALSO, That other New Built Houſe, over the paſſage into Mr Fraſer's houſe, conſiſting of two ſtories, with a cellar under the ſtair, pleaſantly ſituated, and has a fine proſpect eaſtward along the Links.

The title deeds, which are clear, are in the hands of George Carmichaell, the Proprietor, living in the new houſe, and who will inform as to any other particulars.

LANDS IN LANARKSHIRE.

To be SOLD by private bargain,

THE Lands and Eſtate of AUGHTIFARDELL, with the Teinds; alſo the Superiority of the Lands of Cummerhead and Meadow, lying in the pariſh of Leſmahagow, and ſhire of Lanark.

This eſtate is of conſiderable extent, is pleaſantly ſituated upon the wooded banks of the water of Nethan, which falls into the Clyde a few miles below the houſe of Aughtifardell; lies about ſix miles from Lanark, twelve miles from Hamilton, twenty-two from Glaſgow, and thirty-ſix from Edinburgh; holds partly of the Crown, and partly of a ſubject ſuperior, for payment of ſmall feu duties. There are great appearances of lead on the lands of Cummerhead, and rich ore has frequently been found in theſe lands, upon ſmall trials that have been made. There is a large extenſive common in the neighbourhood, in which part of this eſtate has a conſiderable intereſt. There is a good commodious manſion-houſe, with a complete ſet of offices, a pigeon-houſe, ſmiddy, a corn and lint mills, kilns, and malt-barns, on the above eſtate, with a large garden, walled in, and planted with the beſt kinds of fruit-trees. There are alſo above twelve acres of ground laid out in orchards, ſtocked with the beſt bearing kinds of fruit-trees. There are ſeveral large plantations of all ſorts of foreſt-trees upon the eſtate, and very large extenſive natural woods upon the banks of the Nethan, for near two miles in length. The whole is divided into ten ſmall farms, with good houſes on each of them. The grounds are moſtly incloſed, partly with ſtone walls and ſtripes of planting, partly with hedge and ditch and ſtripes of planting. There is great plenty of game of all kinds upon the premiſſes, and great abundance of coal and lime at a very ſmall diſtance from the houſe. The yearly free rent is upwards of 250l. Kain and carriages not rentalled. The tenants pay the land-tax and all public burdens.

For further particulars apply to James Baillie of Coulterallers, at the Stamp Office, Edinburgh, who will ſhow the tacks, rental, and progreſs of writs; or to John Orr of Borrowfield, Eſq; at Glaſgow; or to the proprietor at Kailzie, near Peebles.

JUDICIAL SALE.

TO be SOLD, by authority of the Lords of Council and Seſſion within the Parliament or New Seſſion-houſe of Edinburgh, on Friday the 30th day of July 1784, betwixt the hours of five and ſix afternoon, before the Lord Ordinary on the bills,

THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS

Which belonged to Thomas Dall Ruſſell of Balcurvie deceaſed, lying in the ſhire of Fife.

I. The Eighth Part of the Lands of KINGSKETTLE, in the pariſh of Kettle. The rents and feu-duties payable by the vaſſals amount, after all deductions, to 16 l. 11 s. 0 d. 4-12ths yearly; and they are to be ſet up at 413 l. 15 s. 8 d. 4-12ths, being twenty-five years purchaſe.

This lot holds feu of the Crown, and the teinds are valued and exhauſted.

II. The Lands of BALCURVIE HAUGH and HAUGH-MILN, MILN-LANDS and WAUK-MILN, lying in the pariſh of Markinch. The rents and feu-duties payable by the vaſſals, amount, after all deductions, to 106 l. 18 s. 10 d. Sterling yearly,—and are to be ſet up, the property lands at twenty-four years, and the feu duties at twenty-five years purchaſe; and the upſet-price of both amounts to 2569 l. 17 s. 10 d. Sterling.

This lot holds of a ſubject; and there is an heritable right to the teinds.

III. The Lands of BALGRAYBANK, lying in the pariſh of Kennoway. The rents and feu-duties, after all deductions, amount to 13 l. 10 s. 0 d. 6-12ths Sterling yearly. The property-lands are to be ſet up at twenty four years, and the feu-duties at twenty-five years purchaſe; and the upſet-price of both amounts to 325 l. 7 s. 8 d. Sterling.

This lot alſo hold of a ſubject.

IV. A HOUSE and YARD in Kennoway, poſſeſſed by Mr Seton; and a RUINOUS HOUSE uninhabited. The rent of the inhabited ſubject, after all deductions, is 2 l. 14 s. 8 d; and the upſet-price thereof is 35 l. 10 s. 8 d. And the ruinous houſe is to be ſet up at 5 l. Sterling. The upſet-price of both is, 40 l. 10 s. 8 d.

This ſubject holds of a ſubject.

The articles of roup, title-deeds, and rental, may be ſeen, by applying to Alexander Stevenſon, one of the depute-clerks of Seſſion, or James Beveridge writer in Edinburgh.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

JUDICIAL SALE.

TO be SOLD, by authority of the Lords of Council and Seſſion, within the Parliament or New Seſſion-houſe of Edinburgh, upon Friday the 25th day of June 1784, betwixt the hours of four and ſix o'clock afternoon, before the Lord Ordinary on the bills,

THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS,

Which pertained to THOMAS JOHNSTON of Crawthats, viz.

LOT I.

The Two-merk Lands of old extent of Upper and Nether CRAWTHATS, with the pertinents, lying in the pariſh of Tundergarth, and ſhire of Dumfries.

The yearly rent of theſe lands, free of all deductions, is proven to be 61 l. 14 s. 4 d. 3-12ths; which the Lords have valued at twenty-three years purchaſe; ſo that the upſet price is L. 1419 10 1 9-12ths

The farm of Crawthats is of conſiderable extent, and is known to be one of the beſt grazing farms in Annandale. The lands are held feu of the Crown for payment of 2 s. 7d. 8-12ths yearly, and ſtand rated in the ceſs-books *in cumulo* with the lands of Grains, Pearsbyhall and others, at 700 merks Scots.

The proprietor has a complete right to the teinds.

LOT II.

The Lands of HOLMEADOW and DOGBUSHKNOW, with the pertinents, lying in the pariſh of Tundergarth, and theriffdom of Dumries.

The free yearly rent of theſe lands, deducting all public burdens, and ſetting aſide a fifth part for teind, is 14 l. 6 s.; which, at twenty-three years purchaſe, amounts to L. 328 18 0

And the privilege of purchaſing the free teinds, being 3 l. 6 s. 8 d. is rated at five years purchaſe, or 16 13 4

Upſet price of Lot II. L. 345 11 4

Theſe lands are held feu of the Viſcount of Stormont, for payment of 36 l. Scots yearly.

They are pleaſantly ſituated on the water of Milk, and capable of great improvement.

The articles of roup and title-deeds may be ſeen by applying to Mr Thomas Bruce depute-clerk of ſeſſion, or Alexander Young writer in Edinburgh. And copies of the articles are alſo lodged with Francis Short writer in Dumfries.

TOLLS TO LET.

TO be LET, within the High Juſticiary Court-room, Edinburgh, upon Saturday the 12th day of June current, at twelve o'clock mid-day,

The TOLL-DUTIES payable at the Toll-bar of Combfoot, immediately to the weſt of Mid-Calder, on the great road leading to Glaſgow, for one year from and after the 14th of Auguſt next.

The articles of roup to be ſeen in the hands of Mr Zeigler, ſheriff-clark's office. Not to be repeated.

GROUND FOR FEUING.

SEVERAL AREAS on the Weſt ſide of St John's Street, to be feued out. There are two mutual Gavels upon the north and ſouth ends of the Houſes already built, which will be communicated to any after Feuers upon reaſonable terms.

The terms upon which theſe feus will be granted, are much more reaſonable than thoſe of any other building areas, either in New Town or George's-Square, particularly as the feu-duty of the former is now encreaſed 50 per cent.

For further particulars, apply to Francis or John Anderſons, writers to the ſignet.

UPSET PRICE REDUCED.

SALE of the ESTATE OF ORCHARDTON,

In the STEWARTRY of KIRKCUDBRIGHT—*In Whole* or in *Lots*.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouſe in Edinburgh, upon Friday the 23d of July 1784, the roup to begin at five o'clock afternoon,

All and Whole the Lands and Eſtate of ORCHARDTON, lying within the pariſhes of Buittle, Rerrick, and united pariſhes of Gelſton and Kelton, and ſtewartry of Kirkcudbright.

This eſtate conſiſts of 3267 acres Scots meaſure, whereof there are 1690 acres of rich arable ground, and 1577 acres of excellent paſture.—Almoſt the whole eſtate is incloſed, and the arable farms are ſubdivided with good fences. The farm houſes, which are timbered with the beſt foreign wood, and covered with ſlates, and office-houſes, are in the very beſt order, moſt of them having been built within theſe three or four years. The free rent of the eſtate is 1014 l. Sterl. after deduction of all public burdens, and by ſubdividing the larger farms, a conſiderable riſe of rent might be obtained. The tenants are in general men of wealth, and are carrying on great improvements by means of lime, marle, ſea-ſhells, ſleech, &c. with which the lands are plentifully ſupplied,

The natural wood on this eſtate is extenſive, and the whole of an age fit for cutting; from a late appreciation it appears, that the value of the wood is upwards of 5001. Sterling.

Upon the lands of New Orchardton there has been lately built a large, elegant, and commodious manſion-houſe, with a complete ſet of office-houſes, and houſes for labouring ſervants, executed in the moſt ſubſtantial manner. In erecting and completing which buildings, there has been expended upwards of 3000 l. Sterling. There is alſo a good garden and orchard well ſtocked with fruit trees.

The Houſe of Orchardton is delightfully ſituated near the Bay of Hilſton on the Solway Frith, and has a commanding proſpect of the coaſt of England on the oppoſite ſhore. Within the bounds of the eſtate are ſeveral good harbours, fit to receive veſſels of conſiderable burden, particularly one within 300 yards of the houſe of Orchardton; from the Bay near the houſe, the family reſiding there may at all ſeaſons be plentifully ſupplied with a variety of fiſh, which are taken by the ſervants, without difficulty, by placing nets at low water.—Among the many advantages which this eſtate enjoys, it may be remarked, that it lies in a country where the ſpring and ſummer are earlier than in any other place in Scotland, and the cold and other diſagreeable effects of the eaſt wind are ſcarcely felt.

The whole eſtate holds of the Crown for payment of ſmall feu and blanch duties, and ſtands valued in the ceſs-books at 1047 l. Scots, which, with two forty-ſhilling lands of old extent, entitles the proprietor to four freehold qualifications.

If the eſtate is not ſold *in cumulo*, it will be expoſed in lots as follows,

LOT I.—Mains of Orchardton, Chapelcroſt, Blackbelly, &c. New Mill of Orchardton and Glenſhinnock, and Mill of Auchincairn.

NOTA, This lot includes the manſion-houſe, and all the natural wood.

LOT II.—The Farm of Clonyards, lying detached from the reſt of the eſtate.

LOT III.—The Farm of Caigton.

For further particulars enquire at the proprietor at Orchardton houſe, William Keith accomptant in Edinburgh, or at James Baillie at the Stamp Office, who will ſhow the tacks, rental, progreſs of writs, and a plan and meaſurement of the eſtate. Any perſon inclining to treat by private bargain before the day of ſale may apply as above

LANDS in AYRSHIRE, for SALE.

TO BE SOLD,

THE Lands and Barony of KILLOCH, lying in the pariſh of Mauchline, and ſhire of Ayr, containing 1458 Scots acres of arable and meadow land, all contiguous, which are divided into twenty farms, moſt of which are lately incloſed and ſubdivided by ditches and quick-ſet earth dykes; the hedges whereof are in a healthy and thriving condition, and the farms houſes are in good repair, moſt of them being newly built.—There is an inexhauſtible fund of lime-ſtone in ſeveral parts of the lands.—At Killoch Mains there is a level free quarry, with an excellent draw kiln working, and a coal-level-free going within an hundred yards of the kiln, from which no part of the eſtate is above one mile diſtant, which renders the improvement of the lands certain and eaſy, lime being the manure beſt adapted and moſt ſucceſsful upon this land, which is generally a ſtrong, deep, loamy, clay ſoil, and by means of lime being had, produces weighty crops, at a ſmall coſt. There are two turnpike roads, leading from Dumfries to Kilmarnock and Glaſgow, paſſing through this eſtate.—And cloſe by, and on each ſide, is an extenſive field of proven coal, of good quality, on which is a water engine—and a fire engine-houſe is nearly completed thereupon, and materials for completing the machinery are collected for putting together, and ſetting up—and the engine pit is ſunk to the coal, and when finiſhed (which may be done at a ſmall further expence) there is no doubt of the coal's yeilding a clear rent of 200l. a year, being in the middle of a populous country, and the neareſt coal to the large and thriving village of Mauchline, from which it is only two miles diſtant.—There is a corn and lint mill on this eſtate, both lately erected, and well ſupplied with water, at all ſeaſons.

The preſent rent of theſe lands is only 670l. 2s. 11d. Sterling money, 9 bolls oat-meal, 16 hens, 16 chickens, and 34 loads of coals leading. But there are at preſent out of tack, and let only from year to year in paſture, 270 acres at the low rent of 58l 10s. which, when properly reſted and limed, will let, on a nineteen year's leaſe, at 130l. a year, or about 70l. additional rent.—there are alſo 220 acres in tack, which were let before any improvement by lime was begun on the eſtate, on the expiry of which, in a few years hence, will bring an additional rent of 60l. per annum, the preſent rent being only 66l. And there is a high probability of the lime quarries and draw kiln letting at 50l. a year, beſides ſerving the demands of the eſtate. There is a large lake of water on the eſtate, covering many acres of valuable meadow land, which can be recovered and laid dry at a very ſmall expence: So that there is the moſt reaſonable expectations, that this eſtate, in a few years, with a proper degree of attention, and a ſmall further expence, will yield a rent of 1200l. per annum.

The lands hold of the Crown or Prince, and their ſeveral old extents amount to 14l. 16s. and 3d.—The inventory of the writs, and rental of the lands, may be ſeen in the hands of Patrick Robertſon, writer in Glaſgow, who hath power to treat with any perſon inclining to purchaſe. And rentals of the eſtate may be ſeen in the hands of Gavin Hamilton, writer in Mauchline, the factor, and Bailie Alexander Hutcheſon, in Galſton, either of whom will ſhow the lands, and inform of further particulars.

N. B. If this eſtate is not ſold by private bargain, between and Lammas next, it will be expoſed to SALE by public roup, within the Tontine Coffee-houſe of Glaſgow, upon Wedneſday the 11th of Auguſt next, between two and three afternoon.

BRITISH LINEN OFFICE, EDINBURGH, June 2. 1784.

THE Court of Directors of the Britiſh Linen Company give notice, That a Quarterly General Court of Proprietors is to be held here on Monday the 7th of June current, at twelve o'clock noon, in terms of their charter.

SALE of LANDS in the County of Ayr.

TO be Sold by public roup or auction, within the Exchange Coffee-houſe, Edinburgh, on Thurſday 24th June 1784, betwixt the hours of five and ſix afternoon,

LOT I.

That Part of the Lands and Barony of LOUDOUN which lies on the eaſt ſide of Glen water; and the following Farms lying on the weſt ſide of the ſaid water, viz. High, Laigh, and Mid Overmoir, Muirhead, Long Green, Greens, Balſkyte, Brooklees, Carlingcraigs, Navockly, Braehead, Eaſt, Mid, and Weſt Foulpaples, Eaſt and Weſt Gemmiſland, Burflat, Eaſt and Weſt Cronan and Holehouſe, all holding of the Crown, and paying 517l. 14s. 10d. 11-12ths Sterling free yearly rent, commuting the victual and caſualties at a reaſonable converſion.

Theſe lands lie in the pariſh of Loudoun, in the neighbourhood of the thriving villages of Darvel and Newmills, and on the great road from Edinburgh to Ayr by Hamilton, and from Glaſgow to Dumfries and Carliſle by Eaglesham, only ſix miles from Glaſgow, and the ſame diſtance from Kilmarnock.

A great part of theſe lands is arable, and has been incloſed with ditch and hedge during the currency of the preſent leaſes. The ſoil is good, and capable of great improvement, having plenty of coal and lime in the neighbourhood. The preſent rent is very low, and will riſe greatly at the next ſet. Some of the leaſes are expired, and others expire in 1786 and 1787. The tenants pay the whole public and pariſh burdens over and above the rents.

LOT II. The Farms of MAUCHLINE-MAINS (excluſive of a ſmall part poſſeſſed by John Miller, now ſold) alſo the Farms of Eaſt, Weſt and South Moſsgavils, Loch-hill or Broadnewlands, Hollandbuſh, Knowhead, and Dykefield, containing about 708 Scots acres, all holding of the Crown; rated in the ceſs-books, including John Millar's park, at 602l. 11s. 3d. Scots, and paying of free yearly rent 235l. 14s. Sterling, 20 bolls meal, 13 bolls bear, 20 hens, 40 chickens, and 18 ſtones ſtraw.

LOT III. The HAUGH MILL, MILL-LANDS, & MULTURE, preſently let at 12l. 12s. 4d. Sterling, 3 bolls 10½ pecks meal, 13 bolls 9½ pecks bear, and 9 hens, and valued in the ceſs-books at 69l. 4s. 11d. Scots. The lands conſiſt only of about ſeven acres, but the mill, which is in good repair, has a moſt extenſive thirlage; for, excluſive of the multures of the thriving town of Mauchline, and the proprietor's other lands of that pariſh, ſhe is computed to draw from 80 to 100 bolls annually from the lands of other heritors thirled to her, which they would willingly purchaſe at a great price.

The preſent leaſe was granted from favour at a very inadequate rent, and when it expires, if the thirlage is not impaired by a ſale to the ſtranger heritors, a very great riſe may be depended on.

LOT IV. The Lands of WILLOCH-HILL, conſiſting of 86 acres or thereby, valued in the ceſs-books at 31 l. 1 s. 1 d. Scots, preſently ſet to the tenant of the mill, at the low rent of 13 l. Sterling.

The whole of the laſt three lots lie in the pariſh of Mauchline, on the great roads from Glaſgow to Dumfries and Carliſle, and from Edinburgh to Ayr by Muirkirk, eight miles from Ayr, and ſix miles from Kilmarnock. They are all arable and well incloſed with ditch and hedge, and the tenants pay the land-tax; during the currency of the leaſes they have been highly improved by incloſing, ſubdividing, and liming and ſo at the expiry will ſet for double rent.

LOT V. The Lands of Prieſtſhiells, Stottencleugh, Graſhills, Blackſide, Linburn, Lamantburn, Harwood, and Muirmill, conſiſting of about 3382 acres, all holding of the Crown: rated in the ceſs-books at 445 l. 2 s. Scots, and paying of yearly free rent 162 l. 9 s. 7 d. Sterling.

Theſe lands lie in the pariſh of Muirkirk, and the above-mentioned road from Edinburgh to Ayr paſſes through them; they afford excellent ſheep-paſture, and have beſide a conſiderable quantity of arable land; are capable of great improvement, having both lime and coal within the lands themſelves. There is alſo a great appearance of lead-mines in different parts of them, and they abound with game. The leaſe of Muirmiln, which has a large thirlage annexed to it, expires at Martinmas 1787, when more than double the rent is expected for it, a graſſum of no leſs than 160 l. Sterling having been paid for it at the laſt ſet. This eſtate has a right of common paſturage, feal, and divot, on the adjacent and very extenſive muir called the North Muir. The tenants pay the whole public and pariſh burdens, and particularly the tenant of the mill pays above 7 l. of ſtipend over and above his rent.

The Lands in Lot I. will be ſold *in cumulo*, or in the following parcels, viz.

PARCELS.

1. The farms of Lochfield, Braidlie, and Fioch,	L. 54	2	0	4-12ths
2. Tongue under the Law and Broomhill,	62	12	4	
3. Henrytown and Winſhiells,	39	7	11	5-12ths
4. Eaſt, Mid, and Weſt, Glaiſters,	50	12	2	
5. Darvel-mill, and Quarter-houſe,	44	14	1	10-12ths
6. High, Low, and Mid Overmuir,	56	6	10	8-12ths
7. Muirhead, Long Green, Greens, and Balſkyte,	39	7	1	8-12ths
8. Brooklees, Carlingcraig, Navocklaw, and Breahead,	53	12	10	7-12ths
9. Eaſt, Weſt, and Mid Foulpaples, Eaſt and Weſt Gemmiſland, Burflat, Eaſt and Weſt Cronan, and Holehouſe,	116	19	4	6-12ths
	L. 517	14	10	10-12ths

The lands in Lot II. will be ſold *in cumulo*, or in the following parcels, viz.

	Money.			Meal.	Bear.
	L	s.	D.	B.	B
1. Mauchline Mains,	72	5	6	0	0
2. Eaſt, Weſt, and South Moſsgavils, Loch-hill, and Broadnewlands,	120	12	8	12	6
3. Hollandbuſh, Knowhead, & Dykefield,	42	5	10	8	7
	235	14	0	20	13

The lands of Mauchline Mains, in Parcel 1. will be ſold *in cumulo*, or in the following parcels, viz.

1. The lands poſſeſſed by Matthew Fiſher, Gavin Hamilton, John Ronald, and William Tennant, at	L.	15	16 4
2. The lands poſſeſſed by William Gibb, Gavin Hamilton, Robert Gibb, and James Wilſon, at		19	15 10
3. The lands poſſeſſed by Gavin Hamilton and avid Templeton at		18	15 4
4. The lands poſſeſſed by John Richmond and Robert Weir, at		18	8 0
	L.	72	15 6

The lands in the pariſh of Muirkirk, in lot V. will be ſold *in cumulo*, or in the following parcels, viz.

Prieſtſhiells, Stottencleugh, and Graſhills,	L.	66	6 0
Blackſide, Linburn, and Lamontburn,		66	10 0
Harwood,		20	0 0
Muirmiln and Mill-lands,		9	13 7
	L.	162	9 7

The purchaſers of all the lands in the above lots will have right to the tithes.

The title-deeds, rentals, current leaſes, plans of the lands, and conditions of ſale, are to be ſeen in the hands of John Hunter writer to the ſignet; to whom, or to Alexander Farquharſon accomptant in Edinburgh, who has power to ſell by private bargain, perſons inclined to purchaſe may apply.

Copies of the rentals and plans will alſo be ſeen in the hands of Mr George Douglas at Loudoun, who will ſhow the lands.

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